

animals and pets are to our community. I am so happy to hear that the 47 masks that Carley helped raise the funds for will benefit nine different agencies with 22 of them staying right here in Des Moines. I am proud to represent constituents like Carley who truly exemplify what it means to be an Iowan. I will continue to fight in Congress for communities like Carley's to ensure they have the support and voice they deserve.

HONORING ROBERT MEEK JR.

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Meek Jr. who has served as my District Director since 2016.

To put it simply, Bob is a man of both conviction and courage. No matter the duty, he executes it with poise, a strong dedication to service, and with an abiding gratitude for those he works alongside.

As a retired Colonel of the U.S. Army Reserve, as the son of a Second Lieutenant who served as a B-25 Mitchell bomber copilot in World War II, and father of 3 military sons, Bob has dedicated his life not only to being an advocate for military families, but also serving as a strong voice for servicemembers both past and present.

From traveling thousands of miles across North Carolina's Fifth District with me to meeting with countless scores of proud North Carolinians who are proud to live there, Bob has always acted with a servant's heart, one of his many features that everyone admires.

I speak for both myself and the staff when I say working alongside Bob has been an honor. As he enters this new phase of his life, may God continue to bless him, his family, and the lives of everyone he will continue to serve.

IN GRATITUDE TO BLAIR BOWMAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent and community leader in Michigan's 11th District, Mr. Blair Bowman.

Mr. Bowman is a lifelong Michigander who graduated from Farmington High School in Farmington, Michigan, obtained his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and law degree from University of Detroit School of Law.

In 2005, after following in his father's footsteps by entering the real estate brokerage and development field, he built a facility in Novi, Michigan, which operates today as the Suburban Collection Showplace. This is one of a few examples in the country of a truly privately owned and operated convention and exposition center, with nearly two million people passing through annually.

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, Mr. Bowman wasted no time in offering his center to be transformed into an alternative care facil-

ity for COVID-19 patients. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District led the 250,000 square foot conversion of the Suburban Collection Showplace convention center into a medical facility in 15 days, where they created a 250-bed space for patients from area hospitals.

Now, the previous regional field hospital is hosting one of Oakland County's COVID-19 vaccination clinics, helping to defeat this virus once and for all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the outstanding contributions Mr. Bowman has made to his community, and to our country at large.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, due to previously scheduled travel, I was unable to vote in person in the House of Representatives on March 8, 2021. On that day, I missed two recorded votes. On Roll Call No. 63, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay." On Roll Call No. 64, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay."

HONORING PAUL JEWELL

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Paul Wesley Jewell of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on February 17, 2021 at the age of 79. Mr. Jewell was a photographer by profession who actively participated in Salem's community organizations.

Mr. Jewell was born on December 28, 1941 in Roanoke County to Curtis W. and Ethel Starkey Jewell. As a young man, he graduated from Andrew Lewis High School, excelled at athletics, and belonged to the Boy Scouts of America. He made the community he grew up in his lifelong home. As a professional photographer, he owned several studios, including the Deyerle Studio for over 25 years. After retiring from professional photography, Mr. Jewell remained active in the Salem area as a member of the First United Methodist Church of Salem and of Taylor Masonic Lodge No. 23 and as a funeral assistant at John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Jewell is survived by son Paul "Matt" Jewell and wife, Peggy; daughters Beth Kennedy and Susan Grimberg and her husband John; granddaughters Cierra McDaniel and husband Jared, Kristen Porter and husband Josh, Kaitlyn Duhon and husband Matt, Kyndsey Cook, Kendall Cook, Gracie Grimberg, and Olivia Grimberg; and great-grandchildren Aria McDaniel, James Duhon, Avery Duhon, and Mason Duhon. I would like to extend to them my condolences.

THANK YOU SKIP MARANEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I will always treasure the encouragement of Skip Maraney during my service in Congress.

For many years, he was the mainstay of the Breakfast Club on Wednesday at Longworth Cafeteria for members of Congress, Capitol Police officers, and staffers.

I appreciate him inviting me to co-perform with Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON in the Hexagon Theatre political satirical musical comedy revue.

Skip is recognized as an Honorary Resident of South Carolina from over twenty years of vacationing at Hilton Head Island.

The following is an official announcement of his upcoming retirement issued by the National Star Route Mail Contractors Association:

JOHN V. "SKIP" MARANEY

Skip Maraney is retiring after 52 years of employment as the executive director and lobbyist with the National Star Route Mail Contractors Association. The Association's office is located at 325 East Capitol Street Washington, D.C.

Skip will be honored for his steadfast and loyal service by the Board of Directors of the Association at a regional meeting of members on April 19, 2021, in Baltimore, Md.

Skip is the second executive director of the Association. The Association is made up of over 500 members across the United States and U.S. territories, and the Association represents approximately 1,800 contracts to the United Postal Service.

Members of the Association are independent business owners who contract with the United States Postal Service to haul mail/deliver mail in areas of the United States where the Postal Service doesn't deliver. In the rural areas of the county the Star Route contractors deliver what is referred to as the last mile.

Skip has outlasted 14 Postmaster Generals, nine Presidential Administrations, countless members of Congress, and countless Postal Service transportation managers. Skip has attended countless hearings on matters of postal reform legislation held by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Committee on Ways and Means. Skip is known for expertise on all legislative matters relating to the Postal Service.

Skip is a true shoe-leather lobbyist. He believes meeting a member of Congress or a committee staffer in person instead of exchanging emails, texting, or talking over the phone. He claims it is always harder to say "no" to a person when talking face to face.

Skip's genuine smile and firm handshake made him distinguishable among the staff and visitors in the halls of Congress. Over the years Skip was often been mistaken as a former member of Congress.

HONORING IDA SHANOSKI COVUCCI

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Ida Shanoski Covucci and her upcoming 100th birthday.

As a daughter of Polish immigrants, Mrs. Shanoski Covucci was born and raised in Scranton, PA. She was married to her husband George for more than 50 years and has three sons, 10 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. During her life, she served honorably in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. Though this past year she contracted COVID-19, being the strong woman she is, she recovered quickly.

Mrs. Shanoski Covucci, a remarkable woman, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on March 15th.

Please join me in honoring Ida Shanoski Covucci, may we learn from her experiences.

IN RECOGNITION REV. DR.
BARBARA CAIN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rev. Dr. Barbara Cain for her service as the Moderator of the Northern Neck Baptist Association, Inc. Founded in 1877, the NNBA now serves 31 churches across the Northern Neck of Virginia. Dr. Cain has led this organization since 2018, and it has benefited greatly from her leadership.

As Moderator, Dr. Cain established NNBA Committees on Land Acquisition and Social Justice. Additionally, she worked tirelessly with the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Under Dr. Cain's leadership, NNBA also received a grant for its Tutorial Advocacy Program. Dr. Cain's impressive dedication and leadership guided NNBA throughout both the COVID-19 pandemic and a time of unrest in the community.

A former teacher, Dr. Cain found her calling in ministry. She is the founder and pastor of Abiding Faith Baptist Church in Kilmarnock, VA. Previously, Dr. Cain served as president of both the Northumberland and the Lancaster Ministerial Associations. In her free time, Dr. Cain enjoys salt-water fishing and spending time with her eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am thankful for Dr. Cain's service to both the Northern Neck Baptist Association, Inc., and the entire Northern Neck community. Her sacrifice, commitment, and dedication are truly extraordinary, and it is my honor to recognize Rev. Dr. Barbara Cain today.

HONORING MR. CLYDE MOODY
SIEBMAN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, Clyde Moody Siebman—a purveyor of Texas history, self-anointed Cowboy, avid gun enthusiast, legendary lawyer, loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend—died March 4, 2021. Though his sudden departure leaves a profound void across many spectrums, it was in keeping with

Clyde's lifelong wish to “break and not rust” when his time came for the Lord to call him home.

Born November 26, 1958, in Sherman, Texas, Clyde spent his early years in the nearby town of Pottsboro. His family then moved to Plano, Texas, for his father's employment before Clyde graduated from Plano Senior High School in 1977. He attended Southern Methodist University (SMU), where he earned a dual undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Psychology in 3½ years and then a Juris Doctor in 1984 on a full scholarship. He earned many distinctions during college and law school, including a Departmental Distinction in Psychology for his work to address mental competency and the law.

While in law school, Clyde met Carol Ann Mumm, a fellow SMU law student. They married the year after graduation and were blessed with a beautiful 35-year marriage. They practiced law together before Carol became a judge and were the proud parents of beloved daughter, Elizabeth Forrest, who followed in their footsteps, became a lawyer, and is now a named partner in the firm her father co-founded—Siebman Forrest LLP. Clyde's niece, Becca Skupin, joined the firm in 2019.

Clyde's 35-year legal career earned him the well-deserved recognition of being one of the top lawyers in the state of Texas. Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Clyde had been included in the annual Texas Super Lawyers list published by Thomson Reuters legal division in Texas Monthly magazine since the list debuted in 2003. He maintained an “AV” Peer Reviewed ranking (very high to exemplary) by Martindale-Hubbell for over two decades, and he earned selection to The Best Lawyers in America based on his expertise in Patent, Trademark, Copyright and Commercial Litigation. Clyde was named the 2018 Lawyer of the Year for Patent Litigation and 2020 Lawyer of the Year for Copyright Litigation in Dallas-Fort Worth in The Best Lawyers in America.

Clyde began his federal practice serving as a law clerk to the late United States District Judge Paul Brown. He traveled throughout the district alongside Judge Brown while serving the Sherman, Texarkana, and Beaumont Divisions of the Eastern District of Texas. Clyde has appeared as counsel in more than 500 Eastern District of Texas cases. In addition to maintaining a robust state court practice throughout his career, he regularly represented clients in the Northern and Western Districts of Texas and before the Federal Circuit and 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Clyde was a frequent lecturer on a variety of legal topics and regularly participated in prominent programs and initiatives, including the Eastern District of Texas Bar Association, New York Intellectual Property Law Association, the Sedona Conference, and the Leahy Institute of Advanced Patent Studies. He was also a member of the delegation of attorneys and judges that presented the first patent mock trial at Beijing University in China in 2012 where he delivered a presentation on U.S. trial practices at Southwestern University School of Law and Political Science in Chongqing, China. Clyde served as the current Chairman of the Bench Bar Conference of the Eastern District of Texas and as Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Institute for Law and Technology of the Center for American and

International Law in Plano (formerly Southwestern Legal Foundation).

As he did in the legal arena, Clyde made a profound impact in public affairs. He was a Texas Elector in 2000, serving as a member of the Presidential Electoral College in one of the closest presidential races in American history. Clyde also served by way of gubernatorial appointment as Chairman of the Grayson County Regional Mobility Authority, Commissioner of the Red River Interstate Compact Commission, Member of the Board of Directors for the Red River Authority of Texas, and as Commissioner of the Red River Boundary Commission, where he played a key role in resolving the long-time boundary dispute between Texas and Oklahoma. Clyde also holds the unique distinction of being named as Conservator of the Riverbend Water Resources District by the 82nd Texas Legislature, helping to settle a decades-long legal battle over water issues in East Texas and Southwest Arkansas. He also played a pivotal role in the transition of both Grayson County and the state of Texas from Democrat to Republican-held majorities. Though a life-long conservative, Clyde was also respected for working across the political aisle when it served the public interest.

Despite his many prominent roles, Clyde is probably best known for his personal generosity, fun-loving spirit, and willingness to help others, both great and small. His greatest pleasures were hosting gatherings for family and friends, barbecuing, stomping around the woods, shooting guns, collecting Texas historical memorabilia, and travel adventures, whether planned or spontaneous. He and Carol gave generously to countless charitable organizations, including the Christian Global Missions, True Options Pregnancy Center, and Preston EMS, among others. They were also long-time members of the Church of Christ in Sherman and in Pottsboro.

Clyde is survived by his wife, Carol Siebman, daughter Elizabeth Siebman Forrest and her husband, John Forrest, and granddaughter Kendall Adele. He is also survived by his mother, Carol Sue Siebman, mother-in-law Florence Mumm, sister Annette Siebman Skupin, whom he loved very much, and her husband Jon Skupin, nieces and nephew Becca, Katie and Sam Skupin, nephews Joseph and Jake Mumm and their respective spouses Kristin and Jessi and children Parker and Joy, Aunt and Uncle James and Clydene Short, and a host of cousins who he remained close with through his life—CB Pippin, Jim Pippin, Robin Towery, Melanie Qualls, Randy Short, and a host of friends and colleagues who will miss him very much. He is preceded in death by his father Newell Siebman and brother-in-law John Mumm.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE
RUSH LIMBAUGH SHARING JIM
PATTERSON'S COLUMN ON AIR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring attention to Jim Patterson's column being read by the late Rush Limbaugh.

When friends called to tell Alabamian Jim Patterson that Rush Limbaugh was reading